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to support it beyond that, so now I'm offering an opportunity to kill off the A bill. Then the public will not be misled into thinking that the Legislature is dumb enough to suggest spending this kind of money on a bill which is not equitable on its face. You heard Senator Smith talk about...well, you should have listened (laugh). I'm not going to tell you what he talked about, but if you pay attention you see that there are people whose areas are going to be affected by this bill in a way that is not positive. But they sat on their hands, and as the sheep before her shearer is dumb, so they openeth not their mouths until after the fact. Then they scream like the pig with the nose stuck under the gate. Why cannot we be forthright and direct on this floor? We are all adults and we're all politicians and you got to sit back and be quiet to make somebody like you or approve of you and they don't approve of you and they don't like you, and they don't even respect you now. What do you think you've gained by doing what was just done? Those of you who supported this bill and don't intend to support it beyond, what have you done and what have you gained? What did you stand to lose? Did you total up all of the costs or did you put on those rose-colored glasses...

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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and look only in the direction that allowed you to see what you wanted to see? You need to take those glasses off and see the panorama that encompasses all of the political reality that makes up the landscape where we are operating now. Am I upset with Senator Coordsen because he is going to make me, through his magic, build that paper-mache statue and bow down to it? No, I applaud him, because I said he'd cloud men's minds, I should have said women's minds, too, so they cannot see. But they really did see. They knew exactly what they did, but now they are going to start to see the consequences, and there used to be a program on the radio, Truth or Consequences. You fail to tell the truth, so you must pay the consequences. Well,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.